



West Beaverton

Neighborhood Association Committee

Thursday, March 11, 2004 7:00 PM

Seventh Day Adventist Church
14645 SW Davis Road
(NW Corner of Murray and Davis Rd)

AGENDA

Questions? Call Karen Schouten, NAC Chair, 503-626-5320

- 7:00** Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Prior Minutes, and Miscellaneous Announcements
- 7:10** Fire Report
- 7:20** Police Report
- 7:30** Metro Highway 217 Corridor Study Update: Kristin Hull
- 8:00** Annual Elections for West Beaverton NAC Boards
- 8:30** Committee for Citizen Involvement: Karen Schouten
- 8:45** Opens
- 9:00** Adjournment

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Minutes for West Beaverton NAC Meeting

February 12th, 2004

Attendants: Rich Crimi, Vice-Chair; Kathleen Trask, Treasurer; Karen Schouten, Chair; Gary Bliss, Muretta Levnol Patricia Longua, Ike McCarley, Bruce Richards, Beaverton Police Officer Alan Juilfs, Beaverton Mayor Rob Drake and Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten.

A quorum was not present. NAC. Elections were postponed to the following month.

Meeting was called to order by Karen Schouten at 7:00 P.M.

Officer Juilfs of the Beaverton police gave the police report: Statistics not available for 2004 yet. Crime reported for WBNAC has been dropping for the Year 2003. Part 1 Serious Crimes: Residential burglaries: 13, most during the summer months. General – theft/larceny had the majority from apartment complexes. Auto theft: 13 cars stolen. No rapes, manslaughter, murder. Part 2: 36 vandalism, graffiti or paint ball cars as they ride by. Arrested kids as they hit 7 cars in 20 minutes. **Don't leave any valuables in your car.** The police are being proactive with intensive surveillance as cars parked at fitness centers, apartment complexes, bars and restaurants are being targeted for break ins.

Two Beaverton Detectives have joined the New Identity and Fraud Task Forces. The Fight Team based out of Hillsboro is being funded by a federal grant. Computer savvy thieves are pulling information from DMV disk drives to create fraudulent identities.

Officer Juilfs then gave a demonstration of the new Taser units (laser sting guns) that the Beaverton Police use. They are less lethal from of control technique than the ones that the Portland Police have. They disable at the same level of the pepper spray. The effects are immediate operation to disable the body and then 5 seconds later it is over. There are no permanent effects. The M26 Taser has 2 probes on the front with 5 seconds at 50, 000 volts. It is aimed at the back and the lower rear end and produces a severe contraction. The unit recycles itself.

There are 4 canine units. To call the non-emergency line, WACO Dispatch: 503.629.0111 if you need to report or want to know what is happening currently.

In the Special Enforcement Unit, there are three officers plus the 2 from the FAT unit in Hillsboro. They are working in plainclothes.

If your mail is stolen, report to the local police authority and notify your mail carrier.

Mayor Drake gave his Annual City of Beaverton State Address. One of his primary priorities is Public Safety. The City of Beaverton is very fortunate to have such highly educated and experienced (with small agencies) police employees. The City goes back to an applicant's high school to interview teachers, family and associates. They give a rigorous psychological test to ensure that the applicant is someone that can handle the

Stress of the position and being equipped with pepper spray, a police baton, gun, etc. and abuse the power of the position. Beaverton has the fewest number of any police misusing their force.

Safety has increased for the City – Part 1 (serious crimes) have reduced 7 % for the past year and nationally we are ranked 47 as the safest city in the nation. Community Policing

Has been working on crimes of opportunity. The federal government gave a grant of \$250, 000.00 to reduce identity theft and fraud. It will provide clerical assistance, funding overtime, provide publication for banks to distribute to citizens and businesses to be more aware and pro active. CERT: Community

Emergency Response Team will receive training thru Homeland Security for what to do in the first 72 hours after a disaster.

April 27, 2004 is the BCCI Voter's Forum

One class has graduated from the teaming of Hillsboro Fire Department and the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Departments.

Photo Radar will be going out to busier streets. Currently at Farmington, Walker and Allen intersections. Was first approved for 4 intersections. The City can add 4 more intersections. Two thirds of injuries were due to some one running a red light. The Traffic Hotline is 503.350.4009.

Last year there were 1200 abandoned autos in the city. Adds blight to the city if they are not removed.

Very proud of the Citizen Involvement and Outreach. Picnics in the Park during the summer were well attended the last two years, 1200 attended each year. Enhances and strengthens our neighborhood. If you have any questions or complaints for the Traffic Commission, send an email or letter, It helps to have a paper trail when responding to a concern. The Neighborhood Office is trying to do more outreach.

The Mayor's Hotline is checked at least once a day, often twice. The Mayor has been able to call back half the time, sometimes the information the caller had was incorrect.

Very proud of the City's cooperative efforts with other agencies in the County, Metro and the State to see how they can work effectively together. Up to ten years ago, there was a real war zone mentality among elected officials. Now they communicate a lot which produces better government. He strives to find common interests and reduce duplication. Portland can be the 800 pound gorilla in the area and the other cities are able to lobby effectively together. For Clear Water issues, Washington County and cities were the leader for Title 3 Water Quality. Metro was very complimentary and considered Washington County's one of the best Gold 5 state mandated ordinances for water riparian standards.

It has been real hard to tighten dollar spending: The City is one of the few Oregon cities to remain fiscally sound. The City has worked hard to spend wisely. Since the legislature was in session for 227 days last year (the longest in history), he spent a lot of time in Salem. PERS was reeled in and downsized, currently in litigation. The cities, counties and schools worked hard for PERS reform.

The Mayor works hard to be responsive, non partisan. He is a registered Democrat with a business background. Enjoys real Mayoring. Recognizes that you can not make everyone happy. Strives for basic services so that all can feel safe in their community.

Questions: I) Budget creep – city taxes raised last 3 years 8.5 %? 1) PERS killed us, it was difficult to contain and remains our largest expense. 2) Insurance for a service organization is huge cost. 3) Growth as a city. In 1993 there were 53,000 residents. In 2003 there are now 80,000. Police are based on population.

II) Library Growth Circulation? Shared process with Washington County Cooperative Services. The City builds own building and has had a 10 to 12% growth per year. Reduced hours and circulation was flat for the past year. Lore more books checked out in significantly reduced hours. The Library staff is stressed. Reduced programs and reduced purchasing. There will be a library levy on the May ballot this year. Otherwise the Library will face tough choices for the next budget cycle. The alternative budget had a maintenance budget with 65 % of the budget comes from the levy and 35 % from the general fund and local dollars. Beaverton has the highest circulation of all of the County Libraries. It has become a regional library. The Library has a brick selling program with set standards in place. The vendor inscribes with the bricks in place, they are not pulled to work on.

III) The Round status? The project has been moving forward and the rusting building completed. There has been some tension with the Developer/Contractor/City which is natural for a project of this complexity. Café Mingo opens March 1st and Typhoon and a coffee shop and 24 Hour Fitness have opened. Some of the condos are occupied. The Millikan Road Extension was completed with half paid by the state and the county paid for part of the improvements. It was friendly take over with the Biggi family since they had relocated their business to Hillsboro

Elections were postponed to the following month due to a lack of quorum.

City Hall Report: Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement Meeting was presented by Karen Schouten: Voter's Forum scheduled for 4/27/04 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This time the forum will be recorded and televised at a later time since the timeline was already committed to other programming.

City Clean Up is scheduled for 6/5/04. Marv Doty will chair the subcommittee. Kim Persey, Scott Winters, Bob Prahl and Moji Momeni volunteered to serve in the subcommittee. City Council Report: Cathy Stanton reported that Washington County is considering the formation of an Urban Renewal District around the affected areas of the proposed commuter train stations. The initial presentation suggests that the citizens will not pay any extra tax. County website may be a good source for checking the progress of this proposal.

Opens:

Houses that have been abandoned on Division Street – what is the status and why wasn't the WBNAC notified before the hearing on the land use? The County notified CPO1.

How much is the owner being fined? Status of the buildings? Note: The County has since started looking at an ordinance about how long an empty/unused building can be stored in one place.

Mt Williams property: It is a two phase project. The money for the first phase has been raised (\$2 million) and the second phase (\$3 million) has half raised. Staff has valued the land at \$5.4 million. Need to raise the second phase money by May 2005 to close the deal .

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Schouten